

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)	RM-10808
Amateur Service Rules to Eliminate)	
Morse Code Testing)	
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To: The Commission)	

COMMENTS TO THE PETITION

I disagree with the petition inasmuch as the petitioner seems not to understand the reason for Morse testing and why it is or is not of relevance to the Amateur Service. The retention of Morse Code testing for any class of Amateur Radio license serves no apparent purpose, and all such testing should be eliminated at the earliest opportunity. As has been pointed out by others, the only reason a Morse exam was required at all was so that amateur radio operators could understand instructions from government stations to cease operating if they were interfering with traffic involving safety or other critical communications, and only then because everyone, amateur and commercial, was using spark transmitters. Spark is gone, thousands of stations can operate at the same time without interference, and the military no longer needs the services of thousands of trained Morse code operators.

I am also in complete disagreement with petitioners suggestion of separate testing certifications for specific emission modes. The complexity of keeping records involving hundreds of thousands of separate certifications for different modes boggles the imagination. Petitioner apparently has no understanding of the "can of worms" his proposal would create.

This petition should be dismissed immediately without further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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